

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I have worked as an economist, for non-profits (Transparency International), and the federal public service in international development. I run an eco-friendly bed & breakfast.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

I have lived in Ottawa-Centre for over 25 years, and with my husband have raised two kids, now in university.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

Environmental work with community association including municipal advocacy for trees, cycling and climate action; co-founding Ottawa Centre Refugee Action; board of Ottawa Renewable Energy Coop.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

Greta Thunberg's climate strike that started as one individual and now has inspired millions around the world to act on the climate emergency. One person matters and we all need to do our bit including practical, strategic and political actions. We are all leaders.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

Paul Dewar who was rooted in his community and demonstrated both conscience and integrity, working across party lines with everyone in his riding and beyond.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

We spent several months going door to door, speaking with residents and conducting a structured listening survey. Respondents told us clearly that effective climate action was their top concern. Health care was the second most important concern identified. I am now running on a platform of: Healthy people, healthy economy, healthy planet.

The Green Party climate targets, plan and roadmap is the only proposed approach among the parties that is both practical and geared to meet scientific evidence on reducing carbon emissions, to ensure we avoid climate catastrophe. We are basing our plans on known technologies. We understand that this is a huge and urgent challenge and propose a realistic transition period. We propose support for workers in the fossil-fuel sector. We propose to work with all other parties that are willing to work on effective climate action. The only way that Canada can have credibility internationally is to get our own house in order first.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what

would you do to address those concerns?

To rebuild trust, I will listen and represent with integrity, always working in the public interest to reflect the good of the wider community. I will seek to be informed about the concerns of different groups in our community. I will be willing to work together sincerely and in good faith with politicians from all parties on Parliamentary Committees in order to arrive at the best possible outcomes in the long-term public interest.